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SUBJECT: CYPRUS TALKS: VIENNA II: CLERIDES CRITIQUE OF LATEST
ROUND

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

1. I SAW CLERIDES IN MID-MORNING JUNE 8 AND HE GAVE ME
BRIEF RUNDOWN OF HIS IMPRESSIONS OF LATEST ROUND OF
CYPRUS TALKS. WHILE ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS WAS QUOTE GOOD
UNQUOTE, ACCORDING TO CLERIDES, DENKTASH USED LATEST ROUND
AS HOLDING ACTION, AS EFFORT TO GAIN TIME FOR TURKISH SIDE
TO PUSH FORWARD WITH CREATION OF CONSTANTLY NEW SITUATIONS
ON CYPRUS.

2. CLERIDES STATED DENKTASH MADE USEFUL COMPREHENSIVE
PRESENTATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF FUTURE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT BUT THEN REFUSED, IN SPITE OF CLERIDES' URGINGS,
TO SPEAK ACCOMMODATINGLY ON KEY SUBJECTS OF TERRITORY
AND REFUGEES. HE REPEATED, ACCORDING TO CLERIDES,
UNACCEPTABLE EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR PERSON-FOR-PERSON
EXCHANGE OF 10,000 REFUGEES ON EACH SIDE, WITH REFUGEES
TO BE RETURNED TO AREAS BEHIND EXISTING RESPECTIVE
DEMARCATON LINE BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES.

3. CLERIDES OBSERVED THAT DENKTASH'S OTHER MAJOR
SUGGESTION OF ESTABLISHING INTERIM TRANSITIONAL GOVERN-
MENT SEEMS DESIGNED TO QUESTION LEGITIMACY AND AUTHORITY

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OF EXISTING MARKARIOS REGIME. DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL WOULD,

IN EFFECT, ACCORDING TO CLERIDES, QUOTE COORDINATING COMMITTEE LACKING ANY REAL POWERS TO REPLACE PRESENT GOVERNMENT ON ISLAND.

4. CLERIDES SUGGESTED THAT DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL ON TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS TACTICAL DECISION MADE ON SHORT NOTICE BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO SOUND ACCOMMODATING TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. DENKTASH REJECTED IN TURN PROMPT REACTION OF GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL IN WHICH GREEK CYPRIOTS SUGGESTED THAT BOTH SIDES RETURN TO ZURICH AGREEMENT AS BASIS FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

5. CLERIDES INDICATED TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FORWARD WITH SOME MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS IN INTERIM BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 24, DATE FOR NEXT ROUND, IF PROSPECT OF COLLAPSE OF TALKS IS TO BE AVOIDED.

6. CLERIDES IS DEPARTING VIENNA MID-DAY TODAY (JUNE 8) FOR ONE-DAY STOP IN ATHENS TO CONSULT WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEFORE RETURNING TO CYPRUS.

7. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT APPROPRIATE POSTS AS DESIRED.BUCHANAN

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